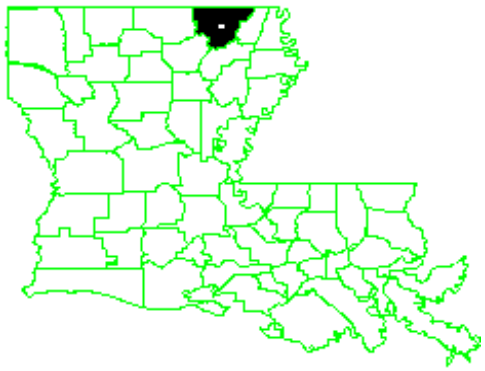
MARION PRESSURE TREATING COMPANY
Marion, Union Parish, Louisiana



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SITE DESCRIPTION

Location: The former facility is situated on a 10-acre tract of land along State Highway 551, approximately 0.5 mile north of the junction of State Highways 551 and 33 in the town of Marion, Union Parish, Louisiana.

Setting: The facility, located in a rural area, is an inactive and abandoned wood treating plant that was in operation from 1964 to 1989. The facility treated wood products, including poles, bridge pilings, fence posts, and other lumber, using a creosote pressure impregnation process.

Population: Marion, one of the oldest towns in Union Parish, was settled by pioneers from Alabama, who named it after their old home county in that state. It was first incorporated on January 13, 1909. There is reported population of 775 .

The facility is bounded by forest land. Big Creek, a small surface water body, lies approximately 500 feet east-southeast of the facility. Big Creek empties into Bayou de Loutre approximately 7.5 miles south of the facility.

Bayou de Loutre is classified as a natural and scenic stream and is used for the recreational fishing of catfish, panfish, white perch, and bass. A State wildlife management area is located 4 miles north of Marion. The Upper Ouachita Wildlife Refuge is located approximately 5 miles east, and federally listed endangered species such as the red-cockaded woodpecker and the bald eagle are known to live there.

WASTES AND VOLUMES

There are three source areas of possible concern:

Consolidation Area: Erosion has occurred on the eastern and western sides of the consolidation area, built during the removal action, threatening to undermine the integrity of the cap and surrounding fence. The liner covering the contaminated soil is exposed at several locations, and erosion could result in the further spread of contamination.

On-site Area: Soils may contain low levels of volatile and semivolatile organic

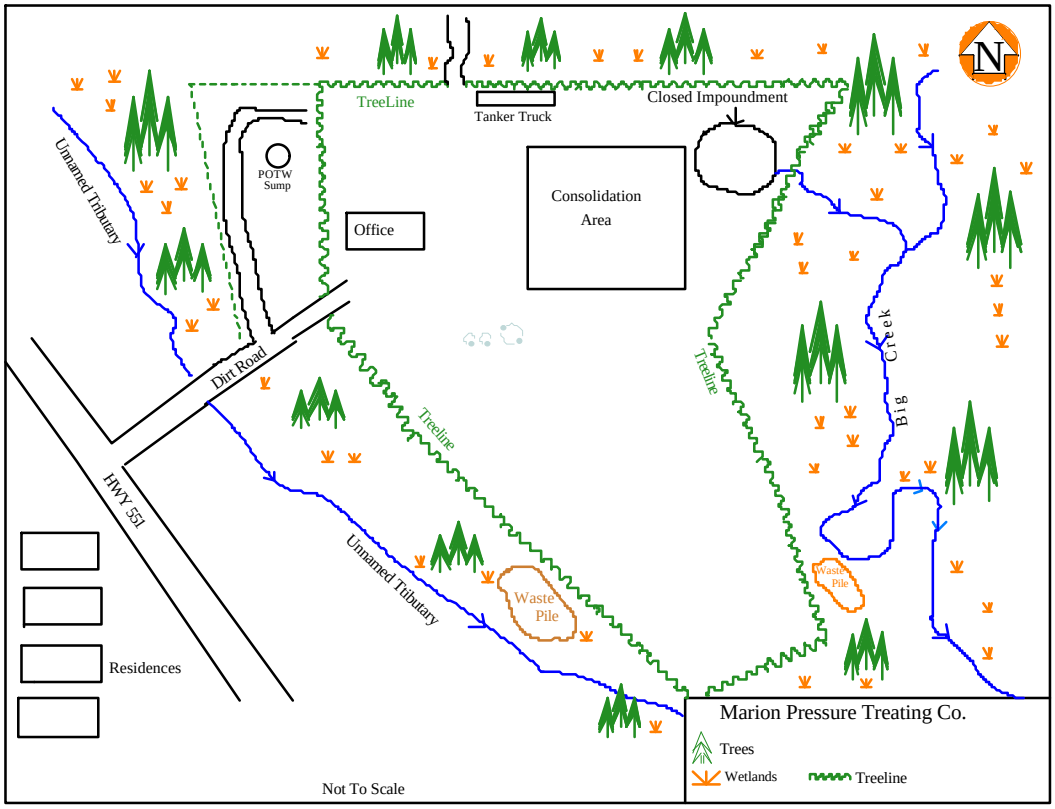
compounds, specifically polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), in the former process area, tank product storage area, monitoring wells, and drainage pathways on the side of the former processing area. Several clusters of small creosote piles have also been identified in the woods, south of the facility, adjacent to and upgradient of the wetlands and Big Creek

Creek: Sediments on the creek, adjacent to and upgradient of the wetlands and Big Creek, may contain low levels of creosote related organic compounds.

NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST

NPL Inclusion Proposal Date:	October 22, 1999
NPL Inclusion Final Date:	February 4, 2000
NPL Deletion Proposal Date:	n/a
NPL Final Deletion Date:	n/a

SITE MAP



SITE HISTORY

1964-1989: Site operated as an active wood treating facility.

1964-1983: Creosote process wastewater were disposed on an on-site and unlined surface impoundment.

- The facility ceased operation in October 1989, due to bankruptcy.

1994-1995: EPA performed an investigation and identified contaminated surface soil, sludge, surface water, and ground water.

November 1996: EPA funded the removal and off-site disposal of four loads of creosote sludge from tanks at the facility. As part of the removal action, EPA also funded the excavation of creosote-stained soil and debris from the southern, northwestern, and eastern areas of the facility and the consolidation and capping of the excavated material in the former process area.

1999: The EPA and the State, LDEQ, completed additional investigations at the site. The investigations revealed the presence of volatile and semivolatile organic compounds, specifically polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), in the former process area, tank product storage area, monitoring wells, and drainage pathways located on the eastern and western sides of the processing area. In addition, black, creosote-stained soil was noted in many locations throughout the site.

1999: Site proposed to the National Priorities List (NPL), October 22, 1999.

1999: EPA plans to begin a comprehensive site study to determine the extent of contamination and to propose remedial alternatives RI/FS.

PRESENT STATUS AND ISSUES

2000: The Site was added to the NPL on February 4, 2000.

- Town wells were sampled by EPA in January 2000, to verify and confirm that site contamination is not affecting the town drinking water supply.
- A Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study is the next planned step (RI/FS).
- On-site sampling started on July 17, 2000 with the mobilization of EPA's contractor on site. Site activities include the collection of samples for Ecological Risk Assessment, samples Human Health Risk Assessment, and samples to complete the RI/FS portions of the investigation.
- In addition, during the week of July 24, 2000 the EPA, the EPA's contractor and the USGS completed a geophysical survey of the site to characterize site conditions and define the best locations for temporary and permanent monitoring wells.
- During the initial ground water investigation, on July 2000 was uncovered the presence of free phase or DNAPL in at least two on-site shallow monitoring wells. Further ground water evaluation will continue according the RI/FS field activities plan.

- Preliminary investigations indicate that site operational boundaries extend beyond the 10-acres initially identified. EPA has secured access from the 10-acre property owners, and property owners surrounding this original property. Plans continue for the completion of the RI/FS field activities and will include fencing around areas of known potential contamination and / or areas where facility operations extended beyond the 10-acre property. Fencing will be the last action under field activities.
- Field activities and demobilization will be completed during the months of August and September 2000.

HUMAN HEALTH AND ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The potential for elevated health/ecological risk levels associated with various organic compounds associated with creosote and the wood treatment process.

These creosote related compounds, in on-site soil and the stream sediments are the leading concern at this site because of the ecological value of the creek.

RECORD OF DECISION

The ROD will be issued after the Proposed Plan is reviewed and public comment is received.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Site Mailing List:	EPA currently developing a mailing list.
EPA Open Houses:	
Site Status Fact Sheets:	December 6, 1999 and February 4, 2000,
EPA Formal Meetings:	
Community Relations Plan:	
Constituency Interest:	Nearby residents concerned about personal health and supportive of EPA efforts.
Site Repository:	Ms. Judy Brewster, Town Clerk, 398 Main Street, Marion, LA.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Availability Notice: n/a
Letters of Intent Received: n/a
Final Application Received: n/a
Grant Award: n/a

SITE CONTACTS

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REALIZED CLEANUP BENEFITS

- Remediation of the contaminated media will reduce the health and ecological risk associated with the contaminants.
- The EPA is working with the city and the community to ensure the property will meet future planned land use.